

The old man walked into the club
And said into his caddy: "Bub,
There's just one favor that I ask—
Where is that flask?"

High School Diamond Squad Has Long Session

"It held a shot or two of gin,"
Telt caddy answered with a grin;
(He was a most precocious kid)
"Flu say it did!"

MANY PLAYERS SEEKING PLACE WITH REGULARS

**Brown Fixture at Second,
Hill After First Sack, Big
Need Good Battery.**

Enough candidates answered the initial call for outdoor baseball practice at the Fairmont high school yesterday to start a new major league, but they won't all be there when the weeding out process is over. South side park was full to overflowing with youthful ball players yesterday afternoon, and Coach Kahn had a hard time keeping the boys from going too fast for the first day, although nothing much was indulged in yesterday but routine batting and fielding practice.

It is likely that the problem of a first class battery will be the biggest to be solved by the high school leader this spring. Two fairly promising southpaws in Williamson and Criss were on deck yesterday and Kahn has his eye open for a right hand hurler to fill out the program. Dean and Arnett are in line for the backstop position and show good qualities in this respect. A good battery is vital to the success of the team, as the high school will likely have rather good offensive ability as there are several club swingers above the average in the bunch of candidates.

Little Brown, Monongah Glass star, is a fixture at the keystone sack. The "Jonnie Evers" of the city league last year has 'em all faded at second base. We don't call Brown Evers because he is a "crab" like the famous Chicago star of a few years ago. Not at all, because Brown is not a "crab" but has all that snap and pep in a ball game of the old big league artist.

Pierre Hill, the elongated center on the basketball team is out for first base. His ability to stretch several miles in a pinch after a wild toss makes him valuable. Unless he develops a bad case of the well-known disease of being unable to hold the ball he should be a safe bet as regular guardian of the first mile post on the base paths.

There is a flock of candidates for the outfield and infield positions and the battle for places on the team will be a merry one. Baseball practice will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the sessions on Friday being divided between baseball and track men. Exclusive track sessions will be Monday and Wednesday. There will also be some baseball work on Saturday, but some of the players will not be able to take part on account of working on that day.

There seems every reason to believe that there will be a very good team both in track and baseball at the high school. Kahn is head coach in baseball and ice in track.

Magee Bomb "Dud" Says League Head

NEW YORK, March 30.—President Heydler of the National League yesterday received a letter from the attorney for Lee Magee, who has been credited with saying that he will make sensational revelations about other ball players. The letter, dated last Friday, mentioned no other player, according to Heydler. "There is nothing in the letter to bear out the sensational statements which preceded it from the west," he said. "It may be that charges involving players are being forwarded under a later date, and except for the incidental use of the name 'Lee Magee' this communication does not contain the name of any ball player who is or has been connected with baseball at any time. In fact, except for the mentioning of this player, no other person is named."

This letter is dated March 26, and as the statement attributed to Magee's attorney was not given out until March 27, it is possible that I will receive some further communication from him in which he will comply with my request of last Wednesday in which I requested that Magee produce any evidence that he had which implicated any ball player.

"Magee is not under contract with any National League baseball club, and we, therefore, have no official connection or authority over him. Nevertheless, he threatened last week to blow up himself and others by a bomb, which he stated would go off March 27. I have urged him to speed up the explosion. I have heard nothing yet."

YES—STYLES CHANGE
Charley Graham's experience last season has taught him a system of play around the coast loop. He's got a different line of attack mapped out for every ball lot around the circuit.

GIVE 'EM BATHS
The New York Giants will train at the City of the Alamo again next spring if the city will furnish an addition of 50 feet to the club house, provide more showers, furnish the establishment with hot water and rubbing tables.

GOLLY! A WHOPPER
Pete Jack Dempsey, Jess Willard and all of 'em, Miami is sending a heavyweight boxer to the Ohio international boxing tournament who weighs 240 pounds. He is Eddy Sauer of Dayton, captain of the Miami football eleven.

Some Local Sport Chatter

R. R. (Doc) Shively, Monongah Glass baseball leader, stated last night that the Glasses would be out there with a good team when the season opens. He was not very definite as to lineup, but says he is signing up some good men. Perhaps he has got "Buck" Weaver, "Swede" Risberg, "Chic" Gandil, Walter Smith and other well known big league holdouts into the Glasses' fold for the season. At any rate we will take his word for it that Monongah Glass will have a good team, and wish them all the success in the world.

If they will offer Pierre Hill some pie with ice cream every time he hits a home run in a high school game, "Babe" Ruth will have to look to his laurels. Man, how he could punish the pill for such a prize.

Don Drum has resigned as head coach at Wesleyan. He made a good record, but he put his foot down on the proposition. Gosh, can't a fellow friends let him live in peace and contentment and go about his business of turning out good athletes without trying to drag him into politics.

The Yans at Morgantown put the Regulars to the tall timber in the first inter-team series at the Varsity field. Such is life in a large baseball community like Morgantown.

It is reported that friends of Shumaker at Wesleyan had him all groomed for an Upshur county court office, but he put his foot down on the proposition. Gosh, can't a fellow friends let him live in peace and contentment and go about his business of turning out good athletes without trying to drag him into politics.

Harry Stansberry says that outside of suffering a little from a stiff neck, he feels no ill effects of stopping that javelin Saturday. Some one should look after the interests of the javelin, being possible it suffered more than Harry from the run-in.

Says the Morgantown Post:
A contract for the signing of "Rip" King with the Pittsburgh Pirates and

Three and Two

The rookie pitcher swung his arms around his concrete dome.
He let the horseshoe pellet loose
And sent it speeding home.

The veteran stood up at bat,
Insouciant and bold;
The ball caromed against his ear
And knocked him frozen cold.

In forty minutes, more or less,
The victim blinked an eye;
"Restoratives bring hither quick,"
He wailed, "or else I die."

A smile spread o'er his sorrow face,
Aye, joyous was his thought
Because he had a notion rye
Or bourbon might be brought.

Attendants fetched a wondrous draft,
They brought it in a pall—
Our hero took a healthy swig
And found 'twas ginger ale.

Our hero spluttered, "Times have changed!"
This was his wild complaint—
"And don't let any living soul
Convince you that they ain't."

Well, if worst comes to worst, Kid Gleason and Charley Comiskey can take Weaver and Gandil's places and make the White Sox infield look like something.

Carpenter is over here on his honeymoon, but he'd better stay away from a certain party or there'll be an eclipse.

Monsieur Jean Curley can talk French, but it doesn't mean anything. Carpenter is going to be a college boy just two weeks. Dempsey is reeling 15 times.

Flu and boils oughta make a good alibi for the Dodgers. Someway the Yankees don't seem to have their "paper" punch.

This Larry Gilbert is a funny bird. He says he would rather be a pelican than wear an Indian feather.

Sometimes a fellow can see a lot more from the outside looking in than from the inside looking out. Do you remember how the generals used to say the army was going to the dogs because the boys in the trenches got tired of using bayonets occasionally and fraternized just a bit in a joking sort of way. Mike Donlin sees an influence creeping into baseball that is hurting the game. He says:
"What I don't like about baseball today—and I'm on the level when I

orders to report at Forbes Field on April 21 were received this morning by Charles Hickman from H. L. Constans, secretary of the Pittsburgh club. Mr. Constans wrote he had received instructions from President Barney Dreyfuss to forward the contract to Hickman with authority to have King affix his signature to the document.

Mr. Hickman will forward the contract to King, who is now in Omaha, Neb., and will urge him to return at once and get some practice before going to Pittsburgh April 21.

This confirms the report in The West Virginian a few days ago from Hot Springs as to the status of the King case.

If we are to believe the stories by Sterrett Neale of the Charleston Gazette, the city league basketball games there must be great affairs. The spectators stage a few fights when things get slow, and all in all the sessions have the well known earmarks of a well organized class rush minus much class. A paragraph from his report of a recent game follows:
"And interspersing the game were battles between spectators, who attempted to get rough themselves. The result was that an officer of the law appeared on the scene and took charge of the events. A militant spirit prevailed throughout the entire tournament, so great was the ardor of the rooters."

Mike Donlin says there is too much handshaking between ball players now—too much good fellowship. When Mike was in the game the rivals exchanged blows as the formal method of greeting. Mike never shook hands with any person but himself. He was a right smart ball player at that, as they say.

Put the "Y" campaign over for the good of athletics in this section—and various other reasons.

say it is that there are too many dollars and too many automobiles in the game.

"They don't sharpen their spikes on the bench any more and there are too many hand-shakes."

"Nix on that hand-shake stuff. It's all right when you've been away from home for a long time and you meet the dad. That's the time to throw out the mitt—but the people in the stands don't want to see the players hanging over each others' shoulders during batting practice and acting like buddies."

If the Detroit Tigers are to have this year what they have lacked for many seasons it is up to Jack Combs to do it to them. When Jack lectures the young pitchers this is what he tells 'em:

"Ignore the batter. Pitch to the anatomy of your catcher. The catcher is your target. You must work with him and study his style of receiving. If he is a good catcher he will remain utterly stationary after you have begun your wind-up. And in that event, all you have to do is pitch to his body.

"For instance, if you want to peg a low ball inside, pick out his right shoulder. To groove one, merely throw at his stomach. If you keep those things in mind your control should be improved considerably.

"But the most important thing is that you will learn to ignore your batter. It will make no difference whether you are pitching against a 300 hitter or a second-string pitcher. They will all look alike to you because your mind will be on your catcher altogether."

\$18,000 FOR HENS.
Rogers Bresnahan is doing his best to give Toledo a ball club this year. He has spent \$18,000 for new Mud Hens since the close of last season. He's ready to dig up more if the market offers any of the right variety.

THE WILDEST RED
Pat Duncan confesses that he was mean when a boy and wild, while playing in the minors. He says that he never used to get more than four hours sleep at night and often he didn't turn in at all.

Surprise Party.
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YALE GAME BIG EVENT FOR SQUAD

**Varsity Baseball Team Will
Play on Yale Field on
Fifth of May.**

MORGANTOWN, March 30.—West Virginia University will play the Yale University baseball team at Yale field on Wednesday, May 5th, the game coming in the middle of the Mountaineers' long eastern trip. Yale has been met but once by West Virginia in baseball, this game being staged at New Haven in 1902 when Yale won by the score of 11-5. Last spring on the same relative date as the game for this year, Yale was scheduled at New Haven and Captain Rodgers men were all keyed up to take the measure of the Eli's but rain interfered.

The Yale game, of course, will be one of the main objectives of the eastern trip, but the contests with Cornell, Army, Navy, Georgetown and Vermont will also receive attention.

CELLAR FIGHT BECOMING HOT

A spirited fight for the cellar championship in the bowling league has developed between Willets and Hartley's. Willets still holding the low honors by the well known skin of their teeth, being just one point below Hartley's. Hartley's came near going into the cellar last night or rather Willets came near getting out of the cellar when the Mid-West Boxers forfeited three games to Willets.

In the other match of the evening Monongah Glass took three from the Owens team, but the Bottles made 'em hustle before admitting defeat. The scores:

Monongah Glass.		
Joyce	99	107 115
Watson	125	95 131
Giddell	138	182 117
Totals	363	384 363
Owens.		
Huston	116	142 116
Connelly	136	93 122
Brown	93	85 119
Totals	345	321 357
Standing of Clubs.		
W. L. Pct.		
Monongah Glass	43	8 .842
Hutchinson	33	15 .833
West Virginian	24	18 .571
Dentists	23	22 .511
Wall Plaster	24	24 .500
Owens	21	29 .420
Mid-West	14	30 .375
Hartley's	5	37 .119
Willets	7	44 .118

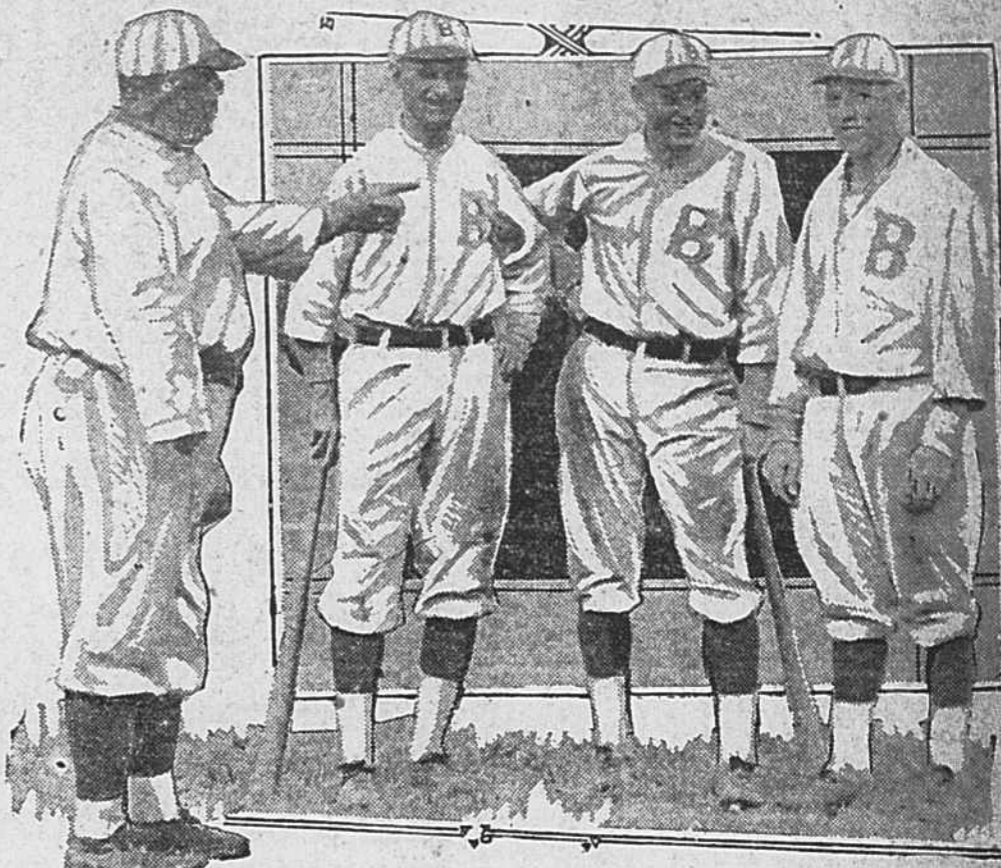
MANNINGTON

Plan for Special Train.
The officers of the new Mannington Men's club are considering the practicability of chartering a special train to convey the Mannington people to Warwood soon to visit the Hamilton Evangelistic meetings. Those who desire to go should inquire of any of the officers for terms. The information will likely be in hand within a few days.

Practice Hours Changed.
On account of the high school class play this, Tuesday evening, the Mannington Choral society will meet for rehearsal at seven o'clock instead of seven-thirty as previously announced. As this is the last week of practice before the Easter program it is hoped that every person who is going to help with the cantata will be present, not only that they may get the benefit of this rehearsal, but that they may keep in touch with the progress of the society. Many plans are being made which have for their object an effective permanent organization.

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ROBBIE SHIETS HIS INFIELD STARS



In front—Wilbert Robinson, and from left to right: Ivan Olson, Chuck Ward and Jimmy Johnston.

Robby switched his infielders around some this spring. Olson is now on second—last year short; Ward is at short—before at third; Jimmy Johnston goes to third—before at second and in outfield.

By FRED TURBYVILLE
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 30.—"My infield looks a lot better this year," said Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Dodgers, who are quite regularly trimming the Yankees at the South Side baseball field.

And Robby will be proud of them if they come through in good shape for he has switched them around to his own liking and the fans of Brooklyn won't recognize the inner works. Only big Koney remains at his old station—first base.

Robby has moved Olson, the veteran shortstop, to second base. It isn't a new job to Ivan for he has played second before.

Chuck Ward, who got back from the army early last season but didn't play

much, is no longer a third baseman. He's a shortstop now and a good one. Jimmy Johnston, who played in the outfield and at second, is going to be regularly located at third base. He has a good arm and fields nicely.

Robby likes that combination and on top of the good pitching he is getting and expects to keep on getting right into the season of 1920, he hasn't anything to complain of.

The outfield is fast and hits hard. Hi Meyers and Zach Wheat are there, of course, and a new face will shine, too. It belongs to Bernie Neils, from the Saskatoon club of the Western Canadian League. Bernie is hitting hard and is a flash of speed. He'll be the regular right fielder.

He has never played the sun field.

That is all that worries Robby in selecting the youngster. In his old league they played twilight ball and had no sun field. But maybe he can learn.

Rowdy Elliot, catcher, from the Coast, has a lot of pepper. He'll be first string catcher most likely. Kruger probably will be second man and Otto Miller will put in most of his time helping out the pitchers.

There is a feeling of optimism around the Dodgers' camp. "Looks like we are going to have some pitching and that is all the Dodgers need," said Ivan Olson.

"Team is 50 per cent better this spring," said Otto Miller.

And Robby, too, admits prospects are much rosier.

er playing many enjoyable games refreshments were served.

Compliment for Local Man.
The chairman of the recent tabernacle building committee, Samuel E. Taggart, has been called to Warwood by the people there to superintend the construction of the Hamilton tabernacle at that place.

Endeavorers Convene.
Oscar E. Hayes was in Fairmont Sunday in conference with C. E. Hetzler, who is field and corresponding secretary for the Christian Endeavor Union of West Virginia. Plans were made for a convention for Grafton district the place of meeting to be decided later.

Revival Services.
Revival services are being conducted at the Homebrew Baptist church by Rev. W. L. Richardson this week. B. F. Cambors for the First Baptist, and Ellis Hibbs for the Homebrew church have been appointed directors for the "New World Movement" for the local churches. Many candidates will be baptized at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Out Again.
John Pitner is able to be out again after a continued illness at his home in Locust street.

From Hospital.
Miss Louise Ornduff has returned home from Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore where she has been taking treatment for blood-poisoning.

Returns to School.
Miss Pearl Arnett has returned to the high school here after a week's illness at her home at Rymer.

Has Influenza.
Mrs. George Morgan, of Brookside, is confined to her home with influenza.

Personals.
Miss Opalrae Johnson, last year a teacher in the high school in this city, is here from Pittsburgh where she is now teaching, for a visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Adams, of Fairview, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Gordon L. Devore. Fred Kinsey spent the week end with friends in Cameron. Mrs. C. L. Burgess has returned home to Wheeling after a visit with relatives here. She was accompanied

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BY PARKS



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